This solitary animal lives in the dense bamboo forests at an elevation of from 4,000 to 9,000 feet. It feeds solely on bamboo shoots in the wild, and a mature Giant Panda is said to have its own bamboo hunting area of several square miles. Its paws are specialized to handle the stalks, and its teeth to grind them. Despite its appearance, it is more closely related to the raccoons than to the bears.

The Giant Panda is one of the rarest animals in captivity. The first living specimen was brought out of China in 1936. On arrival, June, 1939, this adult panda weighed 240 lbs. and was 3½ years old. Name: Happy.

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